

Please read the following, prior to taking your oath!

State Bar of California Annual Fees Information

Annual Fees: All licensed attorneys, active or inactive, pay annual fees. Your first year's fees will be based on your *date of admission*, which is the date upon which you take your oath. A 2018 fee notice will be sent to you within 30 days of enrollment. Future annual fees will be billed in December of each year for the following full year's fees. Penalties are assessed if fees are not timely paid. Once you are registered as a licensed attorney and have been assigned a bar number, to keep your physical mailing address and email address current, go to calbar.ca.gov and submit any changes using **My State Bar Profile** (your initial access code will be included in your first fee notice).

If you take your oath:

June 1 - November 30, 2018
December 1 - December 31, 2018

then your 2018 annual fees will be:

2018 Half-year Active Fees of \$215.00
2018 Active Fees Waived

A fee notice will be issued within 30 days of your admission. **Fees assessed in December 2018, or later, will ALSO include 2019 Active Fees.** Fees are due within 45 days of notice date. Late penalties will be assessed on the 46th day. Please refer to the actual fee notice for detailed deadline and penalty information.

Status or Class of State Bar License: There are two classes of licensing: active and inactive. New attorneys are enrolled with an active license and will be billed active fees for the calendar year in which they are admitted. New attorneys admitted June 1 or later will be billed a half-year of active fees. For those admitted in the month of December, that year's fees are waived, and the attorney will be billed active fees for the following year.

Transferring to inactive status is a serious step requiring the completion of a specific form available online at calbar.ca.gov. Transfers to Inactive status may be done at any time, however, **new attorneys are not eligible for the inactive billing rate during the calendar year in which they are admitted.** More information, including Active and Inactive forms, can be found on the State Bar's website at calbar.ca.gov. If you will not be practicing law right away and are considering inactive status, you are encouraged to **contact us prior to taking your oath** in order to discuss your options.

Questions?

888-800-3400 or AttorneyRegulation@calbar.ca.gov.

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